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## INTRODUCTION

As the President's chief message-crafting body, the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO), is mandated to provide strategic communication leadership and support to the Executive Branch, its composite agencies, and instrumentalities of government.

The PCDSPO is also mandated to act as custodian of the institutional memory of the Office of the President. One of our projects is the continuation of the series of books called the Messages of the President, started in 1936 by Jorge B. Vargas, Executive Secretary to President Manuel L. Quezon. The series was a wide collection of executive issuances, speeches, messages, and other official papers of the President. The volumes were intended to serve as the definitive compilation of presidential documents. The series was continued until the Quirino administration, although the series for the Presidential administrations of Presidents Quezon, Roxas, and Quirino were never completed.

In 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III ordered the revival of the series and the constitution of a complete set, covering all 15 presidential administrations. With pride, we continue what Vargas began.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our partners for without whose gracious cooperation, this project would have not been possible.

A note on organization: Each presidential administration's messages are in book form, compiled and subdivided into volumes. The books are as follows:

- Book 1: Emilio Aguinaldo
- Book 2: Jose P. Laurel
- Book 3: Manuel L. Quezon
- Book 4: Sergio Osmeña
- Book 5: Manuel Roxas
- Book 6: Elpidio Quirino
- Book 7: Ramon Magsaysay
- Book 8: Carlos P. Garcia
- Book 9: Diosdado Macapagal
- Book 10: Ferdinand E. Marcos
- Book 11: Corazon C. Aquino
- Book 12: Fidel V. Ramos
- Book 13: Joseph Ejercito Estrada
- Book 14: Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
- Book 15: Benigno S. Aquino III

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- Volume 1: Official Week/Month in Review
  - Volume 2: Appointments and Designations
  - Volume 3: Historical Papers and Document
  - Volume 4: Executive Orders
  - Volume 5: Administrative Orders
  - Volume 6: Proclamations
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Volume 7: Other issuances

Volume 8: Cabinet minutes

We hope that this collection will be a useful and vital reference for generations to come.

## PREFACE

On July 30, 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order No. 4, which effectively renamed what was previously called the Malacañang Museum into the Presidential Museum and Library (PML) and placed it under the supervision and control of the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO). The PML is responsible for preserving, managing, and promoting the history and heritage of the Philippine presidency. It is the principal historical and artistic repository in support of the institution of the presidency, for the benefit of the Republic and the Filipino people. In partnership with the PCDSPO, which has pioneered the publication of the Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines as a web archive and information website, the PML has taken this mandate and placed it on the cutting edge of the information age.

Much has been done over the past years, under the administration of President Aquino III, to digitize executive issuances, speeches, letters, and other presidential papers; and publish them online. The project is not limited to a single administration, nor does it discriminate. This collection, published as databases, as well as print and e-publications, includes documents from the presidency of Emilio Aguinaldo to the current Aquino administration. This represents the government's allegiance to transparency, continuity, and the fostering of an informed citizenry, as well as an effort, in earnest, to preserve the institutional memory of the Presidency. All this was done not just for the posterity, but for the current generation and the ongoing task of nation building.

The PML are proud partners of the Official Gazette and PCDSPO team, to whom we made the collections available. We sincerely hope that this series will serve as a vital reference to educators, students, journalists, lawyers, historians, and the public at large.



## FOREWORD

This is the fifth volume of President Manuel Roxas' official papers, which constitutes the fifth book of the Messages of the President series. The series was started in 1936 by Executive Secretary Jorge B. Vargas, during the first year in office of Manuel L. Quezon, the first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines. This volume collects President Roxas' Administrative Orders, which relate to particular aspects of governmental operations in pursuance of the President's duties as administrative head of the Executive Department.



## BOOK 5

### PRESIDENT MANUEL ROXAS

President Manuel Roxas was the last President and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the first President of the Third Republic of the Philippines after the United States of America recognized the sovereignty of the Philippines. He assumed office on May 28, 1946 after he won the presidential elections over Sergio Osmeña. Manuel Roxas was President until his death due to a heart attack after delivering a speech at Clark Air Base in Angeles, Pampanga on April 15, 1948.

The Executive Issuances of President Manuel Roxas began with Proclamation No. 39, signed on May 28, 1946. He continued the numbering of his predecessor, Sergio Osmeña, for his first few issuances. He started with his own numbering with Executive Order No. 1 and Proclamation No. 1 which were both signed on Independence Day, July 4, 1946, and ended with Executive Order No. 128, signed on April 21, 1948.

President Manuel Roxas' documents were gathered from its official sources such as the Official Gazette of the Philippines; the Malacañang Records Office's Book of Executive Issuances; the MacArthur Archives Collections; and Speeches, Addresses and Messages as the President of the Philippines, Volume 1 and Papers, Addresses and Other Writings of Manuel Roxas, Volume 2, which were both published in 1954.

The American Psychological Association (APA) style was used for the citation. The titles that have been provided by the researchers are enclosed in square brackets, considering that the exact wordings and its order were not verbatim from the document being described. Book titles are italicized while the speech titles are not. If in any case that the book title is the same as the title of the speech, it is transcribed in italics because it is the book title.





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HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT MANUEL ROXAS  
DELIVERING SPEECH ON PLAZA PERSHING, DEC.  
10, 1946 ZAMBOANGA CITY.

President Manuel Roxas delivering a speech on Plaza Pershing  
in Zamboanga City, December 10, 1946.





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President Manuel Roxas, upon arrival at Bulua Airfield, Misamis Oriental, was given a rendition of honor, December 13, 1946.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

An Administrative Order relates to particular aspects of governmental operations in pursuance of the President's duties as administrative head of the Executive Department. The Administrative Orders of President Manuel Roxas continued President Sergio Osmeña's numbering on May 29, 1946 with Administrative Order No. 35 and ended on April 8, 1948 with Administrative Order No. 50.

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 35**  
**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF PORT FACILITIES**  
**OF THE CITY OF MANILA.**

WHEREAS, the shipping congestion in the Port of Manila and the reported pilferage at the piers have developed into such serious proportions that commercial ships have begun to omit Manila as a port of call and insurance underwriters have raised their coverage rates to the detriment of ultimate consumers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby create a Committee to conduct a survey of the port facilities of the City of Manila. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Mr. Alfredo de Leon  
Commander Chick Parsons  
Mr. Vicente Fragante  
Major Enrique Razon, P.A.  
Mr. L. P. Jepson  
Mr. Manuel Elizalde, and  
Mr. Toribio Teodoro

The departments, bureaus or offices concerned shall furnish to the Committee such technical and clerical assistance, data, and information as it may require in connection with the performance of its duties and the Committee shall have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers or records of said departments, bureaus, or offices.

The Committee shall submit within ten days from the date of this order, definite recommendations calculated to immediately improve conditions in order to avoid congestion and pilferage in said port. On the basis of its survey, the Committee is further directed to submit a plan for the permanent improvement of port facilities of the City of Manila in order to bring about efficient handling and disposition of incoming and outgoing cargoes, which is a decisive factor in world commerce.



Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1946). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1 - 50]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 36**  
**CREATING A TAX COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, in order to meet the increasing expenditures of the Government for vital and urgent public needs, to distribute the tax burden more nearly on the basis of ability to pay, to encourage the development of industries, to promote the foreign trade, and to facilitate the achievement of essential social objectives, it is necessary to effect a revision of the tax system of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, this revision is rendered more imperative because of the political and economic changes which will be necessary to meet the requirements of Independence as well as to rehabilitate, reconstruct and develop the national economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the existing laws, do hereby create and constitute a commission to be known as the Tax Commission which shall be composed of eleven members to be appointed by the President.

It shall be the duty of the Tax Commission to study and make recommendations to the President on:

(a) The probable annual fiscal needs of the Government during the coming ten (10) years with a view to providing the revenues which shall be sufficient to meet such needs;

(b) A revision of the internal tax system of the Philippines, both to insure adequate revenues and a more equitable distribution of the tax burden;

(c) Changes in the tariff laws to make more effective the assessment of customs duties, to aid economic reconstruction and rehabilitation and the development of Philippine industries, and to promote the foreign trade of the country;

(d) The distribution of sources of revenue between the National Government and the provincial, municipal and city governments in order that each political unit may be provided with revenues adequate for the performance of its functions;

(e) A system of tax administration which will insure the proper enforcement of tax laws.

To enable the Tax Commission to carry out its functions, the Commission is hereby granted all the powers of an investigating committee as provided in Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, and is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, to requisition for and make use of the services of the personnel of the Department of Finance, Budget Office, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Bureau of Customs and any other officers or employees of the Government for the purpose of carrying out its mission. It shall have access at all times to any document, data, papers, etc., in the possession of any Department, bureau, office, corporation or agency of the Government which may be necessary to aid it in its work.

In addition to such personnel as may be detailed to it in accordance with the next preceding paragraph, the Tax Commission may employ expert and technical staff as the President of the Philippines may authorize.

The members of the Tax Commission who are not connected with the Government or receiving salaries therefrom shall be paid compensation for service in the Tax Commission at rates which shall be authorized by the President of the Philippines.

The Tax Commission shall submit to the President of the Philippines, from time to time, such reports and recommendations as are of very urgent nature, but the final reports and recommendations shall be submitted not later than August 31, 1946.

Done at the City of Manila, this 3rd day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1946). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1 - 50]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 37**

REQUIRING CERTAIN CLASSES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND OF GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO SUBSCRIBE TO A SWORN DECLARATION OF THEIR FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the financial condition, assets and liabilities of certain classes of public functionaries be made of record upon entrance to duty, thereby protecting them, while connected with the Government, from any imputation against their integrity and conduct in public office;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct that all Secretaries of Departments, Undersecretaries, directors and chiefs of bureaus and offices, assistant directors and all other officials occupying similar rank both of the National Government and of the corporations and enterprises owned or controlled by it, shall take and subscribe to a sworn declaration of their financial condition, assets and liabilities, as follows:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, appointed to the position of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, declare under oath that, as of this date, the following real properties, bank deposits, interests (direct and indirect) in business, and other assets, as well as the liabilities and other obligations hereunder stated, appear in my name and/or in that of my wife (or husband):

Name	Kind and description of assets and liabilities	Value
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The declaration above referred to, which shall be accomplished within ten (10) days from the date of the issuance of this Order in the case of those now in the service, and upon entrance to duty by new officers, shall be submitted for file to the Chief of the Executive Office who shall treat the same as confidential. This declaration shall be renewed every six months of the official's or employee's term of office, and every new declaration shall indicate the changes that have taken place from the date the previous one was filed.

The heads of Departments and the managers of the corporations owned or controlled by the Government not under the jurisdiction of any of the executive departments are hereby authorized to extend the requirement of this Order to such other officials and employees respectively over whom they exercise supervision and control, as they may determine, particularly those holding cash and/or property responsibility, or those having direct dealings with the public in an accountable capacity. Such declaration shall be kept in the office concerned and shall be treated as confidential.

Done at the City of Manila, this 3rd day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1946). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1 - 50]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 38**  
CREATING AN AGRARIAN COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
ON WAYS AND MEANS FOR THE PERMANENT SOLUTION OF THE AGRARIAN PROBLEMS  
OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the landlord-tenant conflicts in the agrarian regions of the Philippines have contributed to the unsettled conditions of peace and order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create and constitute an Agrarian Commission which shall be composed of the following:

Faustino Aguilar	—	Chairman
Eduardo Cojuanco	—	Member
Quirino Abad Santos	—	"
Buenaventura Lopez	—	"
Deogracias E. Lerma	—	"
Aurelio Quitariano	—	"
Fausto Gonzalez-Sioco	—	"
Norberto Maniquis	—	"
Felipe Jose	—	"
Jose B. Santos	—	"
Guillermo E. Espino	—	"

It shall be the duty of the Commission to find ways and means for the permanent solution of the recurring landlord-tenant conflicts in the agrarian regions of the Philippines and, for this purpose, it shall undertake a thorough and careful investigation of the social and economic problems involved, including a study of the farming methods, sharing and wage agreements, labor conditions, and general standards of living of the tenant-workers, and of the feasibility of purchasing the large estates and their subdivision in convenient parcels and resale to the bona fide tenants cultivating the same.

Each member of the Commission who is not in the Government service shall receive compensation in such amount as will be fixed by the President.

The Commission shall submit to the President of the Philippines its report and recommendations not later than June 30, 1946.

The Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such information as it may require in the performance of its functions, and for the purpose of securing such information, it shall have access to and shall have the right to examine any books, documents, papers, or records of such departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government.

Done at the City of Manila, this 4th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1946). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1 - 50]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 39**  
**CREATING COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS**  
**OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS**  
**AND OTHER AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.**

Committees are hereby created to investigate the business affairs and the operations of the National Development Company, the Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the Emergency Control Administration, the Government Procurement Commission, and the Petroleum Products Control Administration. Said investigation shall cover transactions and acts of said entities or of their officers and employees from the date of their organization or reorganization after the liberation of the Philippines, with a view to determining specifically whether or not:

- a. Said entities have been operated in a manner best conducive to serve the ends for which they were created;
- b. Any of their officers or employees have violated the trust reposed in them;
- c. Any violation of law or the charters of said entities has been committed in the course of their business or operation; and
- d. Proper accounts have been kept and proper auditing has been made of such accounts.

The Committees shall be composed of the following:

For the National Development Company:

Mr. Sixto de la Costa,	Chairman
Mr. Higinio Macadaeg,	Member
Mr. Conrado Sevilla,	Member

For the Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the Emergency Control Administration:

Mr. Pedro Tuason,	Chairman
Mr. Alfredo Jacinto,	Member
Mr. Pio Joven,	Member



For the Government Procurement Commission and the Petroleum Products Control Administration:

Mr. Pastor Endencia,	Chairman
Mr. Roberto A. Gianzon,	Member
Mr. Gregorio S. Licaros,	Member

For the purposes of this investigation, the Committees are hereby granted all the powers of an Investigating Committee under Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, including the power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony or evidence relevant to the investigation. The Committees are hereby empowered and authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such information as they may require in the performance of their functions, and for the purpose of securing such information, they shall have access to and shall have the right to examine any books, documents, papers, or records of such departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government.

Each Investigating Committee shall submit to the President of the Philippines its report and recommendations not later than June 30, 1946.

Members of the Committees who are not in the government service shall be paid such compensation as may be fixed by the President.

Done at the City of Manila this 4th day of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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MALACAÑAN PALACE  
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 40**  
**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS**  
**FOR THE RECEPTION AND THE BURIAL OF THE MORTAL REMAINS**  
**OF THE LATE PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON.**

WHEREAS, the mortal remains of the late beloved Manuel L. Quezon, first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, is expected to arrive in Manila towards the end of next month; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that arrangements be made for the reception of his mortal remains and a state funeral commensurate with the ever-lasting debt of gratitude which the Filipino people owe the great departed leader;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a committee to take charge of the arrangements for the reception of the mortal remains of the late President Manuel L. Quezon, and the holding of a state funeral subsequent thereto, said committee to be composed of the following:

Hon. Jose C. Zulueta,	Chairman
Hon. Ricardo Nepomuceno,	Member
Hon. Ruperto Kangleon,	"
Hon. Mariano J. Cuenco,	"
Hon. Nicolas Buendia,	"
Hon. Tomas Morato,	"
Hon. Fortunato Suarez,	"
Hon. Marcial Rañola,	"
Hon. Valeriano Fugoso,	"
Hon. Ramon Fernandez,	"
Hon. Jose Yulo,	"
Hon. Joaquin Elizalde,	"
Hon. Sixto Antonio,	"
Mr. Antonio Paguia,	"
Mr. Felicisimo Lauson,	"

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 41  
CREATING THE PHILIPPINE COMMITTEE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, of which the Philippines is a member, has signified its willingness to maintain close contact with the Member nations; and

WHEREAS, the FAO has suggested the creation of a national liaison Food and Agriculture Committee as a means of securing quick exchange of information between this intergovernmental organization and the national body;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the Philippine Committee of Food and Agriculture which shall act as the national liaison to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, promote measures for raising the levels of nutrition and standards of living, particularly of the rural populations, coordinate the efforts toward improving the efficiency of agricultural production and of the distribution of food and agricultural products, and to recommend appropriate measures pertaining to food and agriculture in the Philippines.

The Philippine Committee of Food and Agriculture shall be composed of a Chairman and an Executive Secretary, to be appointed by the President; a representative each on crop production, livestock production, forestry, and fisheries, to be designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce; a representative each on food utilization, animal nutrition, and economics of agriculture, to be designated by the President of the University of the Philippines; a representative on human nutrition, to be designated by the Secretary of Health and Public Welfare; and two representatives of the Philippine Farmers Association.

The Chairman is hereby authorized to call upon any officer or employee of any department, bureau, or agency of the Government for such assistance as may be needed by the Philippine Committee of Food and Agriculture for the proper discharge of its functions hereunder.

Done at the City of Manila, this 17th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO  
*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 42**  
**INTENSIFYING THE NATIONAL FOOD PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to take immediate steps to increase the production and supply of foodstuffs to forestall famine and starvation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby order and direct that –

SECTION 1. An intensified nation-wide food production campaign shall be waged under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce shall be the General Manager of this campaign. In that capacity, he is empowered to promulgate rules and regulations to insure the success of the campaign.

SEC. 3. Provincial governors, city and municipal mayors are hereby designated deputies of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce in the prosecution of the food production campaign herein provided for and in enforcing such rules and regulations in their respective jurisdictions as the Secretary may promulgate in pursuance of this Order. I call upon all branches, instrumentalities, and agencies of the Government, particularly the Departments of the Interior, Instruction, and Health and Public Welfare, to extend all possible cooperation in the conduct of this campaign.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce is hereby authorized to assign such personnel of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce and of the bureaus and offices under him and, with the concurrence of the heads of the other executive departments, of the personnel under them, as may be necessary for this campaign.

SEC. 5. Such funds as from time to time will be provided for by the National, Provincial, City and Municipal Governments for undertaking the food production campaign authorized in this Order shall be disbursed and duly accounted for by the officials concerned with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce.

SEC. 6. This Order shall take effect on its promulgation.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 17th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 43**  
**AUTHORIZING THE TABACALERA INSURANCE COMPANY TO BECOME**  
**A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS**  
**AND UNDERTAKINGS**

WHEREAS, section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Tabacalera Insurance Company is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Tabacalera Insurance Company to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 22nd day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 44**  
**GRANTING FULL AND PLENARY PARDON TO MAJOR GAMALIEL L. MANIKAN,**  
**INFANTRY, PHILIPPINE ARMY, AND PROVIDING FOR HIS REINSTATEMENT**  
**IN THE REGULAR FORCE, PHILIPPINE ARMY.**

Major Gamaliel L. Manikan, who was convicted by the General Court-Martial for violation of the 97th Article of War and dismissed from the Philippine Army on August 15, 1940, prays that he be granted full and plenary pardon and that he be reinstated in the Regular Force of the Philippine Army.

The Chief of Staff of the Philippine Army and the Secretary of National Defense recommend that the petition be granted.

In view thereof, Major Gamaliel L. Manikan is hereby granted full and plenary pardon and reinstated in the Regular Force of the Philippine Army to occupy the position he had in the lineal roster of Regular Officers of the Philippine Army.

Done at the City of Manila, this 28th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL ROXAS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **EMILIO ABELLO**

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1**  
APPOINTING THE HONORABLE SERGIO OSMEÑA, FORMER PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND THE HONORABLE JOSE YULO, SPEAKER OF THE FORMER  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 5, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby appoint the Honorable Sergio Osmeña, former President of the Philippines, and the Honorable Jose Yulo, Speaker of the former National Assembly, members of the Council of State.

Done at the City of Manila, this 12th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2**  
**CREATING A COMMISSION ON PLANNING, PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS**  
**FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE III, SECTIONS 302, 303, 304, AND 305**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1946.**

WHEREAS, Section 301, Title III, of Public Law 370, 97th Congress of the United States, otherwise known as the “Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946” authorized an appropriation of \$120,000,000.00 (₱240,000,000.00) to be allocated among the various programs set forth in Sections 302, 303, 304, and 305 of the said Act;

WHEREAS, the said appropriation of ₱240,000,000.00 will not be sufficient for the rehabilitation, improvement and construction of the public roads and bridges, port and harbor facilities, public properties, public health facilities, and other essential public services as contemplated in said Act, and, therefore, there will be need of giving priority to the most urgent public needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Commission on Planning, Priorities and Allocations to be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Public Works and Communications	Chairman
The Secretary of Finance	Member
The Secretary of Instruction	Member
The Secretary of National Defense	Member
The Secretary of Health and Public Welfare	Member
The Commissioner of the Budget	Member
The Chairman of the Committee on Public Works and Communications of the Senate	Member
The Chairman of the Committee on Communications of the House of Representatives	Member
The Chairman of the Committee on Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of the House of Representatives	Member
The Manager, National Housing Commission	Member
The Chief Constructing Engineer, Bureau of Public Works	Member

The Commission is hereby authorized to call upon any officer or employee of any department, bureau, or agency of the Government for such assistance as may be needed by it for the proper discharge of its functions.

The Commission shall coordinate and collaborate with the representatives of the United States assigned to carry out the provisions of the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946. It shall undertake a survey of the public roads and bridges, port and harbor facilities, public properties, public health facilities, and other essential public services and, on the basis of its findings, shall recommend to the

War Damage Commission or other duly authorized representatives of the United States a plan of the projects to be undertaken, the projects that should be given first priority, and the amount of money to be allocated to each of such projects. In determining which are the most deserving and urgent, the Commission herein created shall be guided by considerations from the standpoint of the national defense and economic rehabilitation of the Philippines.

Done at the City of Manila, this 15th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3**  
**GIVING PREFERENCE TO 1941 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES NOT YET REINSTATED**  
**IN THE FILLING OF POSITIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE**

WHEREAS, many pre-war officers and employees in the civil service of the National, provincial, city, and municipal governments have not as yet been reinstated to the service; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of justice and in fairness to such officers and employees they should be given preference or priority in appointments to civil service positions in the Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby ordain:

1. That officers and employees who were in the civil service of the National, provincial, city, and municipal governments in December, 1941 should be given preference in filling positions in the said governments;

2. That whenever a person who is not a pre-war officer or employee is appointed to any position in any bureau or office, the appointing officer must show that no pre-war officer or employee of such bureau or office who is qualified and willing to accept appointment is available or that sufficient legal cause exists against the reinstatement of such pre-war officer or employee.

The priority herein given to 1941 civil service officers and employees shall terminate on August 15, 1946.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4**

CREATING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF REQUESTS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS FOR FOOD THAT MAY BE OBTAINED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD COUNCIL AND FOR OTHER VITAL MATERIALS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines has, from time to time, to request allocation of quotas for food from the International Emergency Food Council and for other materials and articles of urgency needed for the industrial rehabilitation of the Philippines from the International Commodity Division of the United States Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that such requests should be based upon a coordinated data gathered from government as well as private sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a committee to be composed of:

The Director-General, PRRA, Chairman;  
The Commissioner of the Budget, Member;  
The Under-Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, Member;  
The Under-Secretary of Public Works and Communications, Member;  
The Manager, NARIC, Member; and  
The Manager, National Trading Corporation, Member

to receive all requests from the different offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government as well as from private persons, agencies and entities regarding the national requirements for food and for building materials, tools for the mechanic trades, and machinery and equipment of all kinds; to determine the need, reasonableness, and urgency of these requests; and to endorse the same, together with its recommendations, to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, who shall make the necessary representation on these matters to the International Emergency Food Council and the International Commodity Division of the United States Department of Commerce on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines.

Effective today, no office, agency or instrumentality of the Government shall make direct requests to the International Emergency Food Council or the International Commodity Division of the United States Department of Commerce for the allocation of quotas for food and other articles and materials for the Philippines.

Done at the City of Manila, this 19th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5**  
CREATING A COMMITTEE TO SELECT THE PLACE ON WHICH TO BUILD THE CAPITAL  
CITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE CAPITOL BUILDING OR BUILDINGS.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create and constitute a Committee which shall be composed of the following:

Hon. Melecio Arranz	Chairman
Mr. Jose Paez	Vice-Chairman
Hon. Raul Leuterio	Member
Hon. Salipada Pendatun	"
Hon. Pedro Hernaez	"
Hon. Anastacio Agan	"
Hon. Maximino Noel	"
Hon. Sergio Bayan	"
Mr. Antonio Toledo	"
Maj. Perfecto M. Vasquez	"
Mr. Juan Arellano	"
Mr. Manuel Mañosa	"
Mr. Lino Gutierrez	"

Mr. Louis P. Croft, Adviser to the President on Land Planning, shall act as adviser of the Committee.

The Committee shall take charge of the selection of the most suitable site on which to build the capital city of the Philippines and the Capitol building or buildings. The Committee shall submit its report to the President not later than August 31, 1946.

Done at the City of Manila, this 23rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6**

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE EVIDENCE ON, INVESTIGATE, DETERMINE AND RECOMMEND WAYS AND MEANS TO SETTLE MONEY CLAIMS AGAINST THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, ITS BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO LIBERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM ENEMY OCCUPATION.

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, including its branches, subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities determine its outstanding obligations prior to liberation from enemy occupation, and provide for their settlement at the earliest possible date;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create and constitute a Committee on Claims which shall be composed of the following:

The Undersecretary of Finance	Chairman
Representative of the Department of Justice	Member
Representative of the General Auditing Office	Member

This Committee shall receive evidence on, investigate, determine and recommend ways and means to settle all money claims against the National Government, its branches, subdivisions, agencies, and instrumentalities, outstanding and unpaid immediately prior to liberation of the Philippines from enemy occupation.

In the performance of its work, the Committee may create subcommittees on claims, and call upon any department, bureau, office, subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the Government for such information as it may require. The Committee, or its duly authorized representatives, shall, for the purpose of securing such information, have access to and have the right to examine any books, documents, papers or records of such departments, bureaus, offices, subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government which may be necessary to aid in its work. For the purposes of this Order, the said Committee, or its duly authorized representatives, shall have the powers of an investigating committee as provided in Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code.

The Committee on Claims shall submit its report to the President of the Philippines not later than September 30, 1946.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7**  
**CREATING THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, in order to promote efficient and coordinated development of civilian air transportation in the Philippines, there is need of establishing an agency to study and make recommendations on matters relative to the issuance of permits and licenses and designation and establishment of civil airways or routes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the Civil Aeronautics Commission to study and make recommendations to the Government on applications for, or other matters concerning, the issuance of permits and licenses and the designation and establishment of civil air routes. The Commission shall be composed of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, as Chairman, and Messrs. Sotero Baluyot, Jose Paez, the Public Service Commissioner and the Director of Aeronautics, as members.

The Commission is hereby authorized to hold hearings on applications and other matters in connection with the issuance of permits and licenses and the designation and establishment of civil air routes, and, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, it shall have the power to summon witnesses, issue subpoena, administer oaths and take testimony in connection with its work.

All applications for, or other matters concerning, the issuance of permits and licenses and the designation and establishment of civil air routes, shall be prepared on a form to be prescribed by the Commission and filed with it. Its reports and recommendations shall be submitted by it to the President, through the Secretary of National Defense.

Members of the Commission who are not in the government service shall be paid such compensation as may be fixed by the President.

Done at the City of Manila, this 30th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO  
*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 8**

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE RELIEF AND  
REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION TO CALL UPON AND OBTAIN THE ASSISTANCE  
OF ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, AGENCY OR  
INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND TO CREATE RELIEF COMMITTEES.

In order to coordinate, facilitate and perform efficiently the duties and activities of the Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby authorize the Director General of the Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, or his duly authorized representatives, to obtain, and the corresponding Head of Department or chief of bureau or office shall furnish, the assistance and services of any officer or employee of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, and to create and organize such provincial, city and municipal relief committees as may be necessary to enable the Administration to carry out its functions.

Done at the City of Manila, this 30th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 9**  
**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AGAINST**  
**DIRECTOR PABLO LUCAS OF THE BUREAU OF PRINTING AND TO STUDY**  
**THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE BUREAU OF PRINTING**

A Committee is hereby created to investigate complaints for favoritism and vindictiveness filed against Director Pablo Lucas of the Bureau of Printing as well as to study the present organization and operation of the Bureau of Printing with a view to effecting its reorganization in a manner that would promote greater efficiency and economy in its operation and at the same time improve the lot of its employees. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. Hon. Crispin Llamado, Under-secretary of Finance, Chairman
2. Hon. Jose Ma. Paredes, Court of Industrial Relations, Member
3. Hon. Jose Gil, Commissioner of Civil Service, Member

For the purpose of this investigation, the Committee is hereby granted all the powers of an investigating Committee under Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, including the power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony or evidence relevant to the investigation. The Committee is also empowered and authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such information as it may require in the performance of its work, and, for the purpose of securing such information, it shall have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, or records of such departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government.

The Committee shall submit its report and recommendation with respect to the complaint against Director Pablo Lucas, not later than August 20, 1946, and on the organization and operation of the Bureau of Printing not later than August 31, 1946.

Done at the City of Manila this 7th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL ROXAS**

By the President:  
(Sgd.) **EMILIO ABELLO**  
*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10**  
AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7, DATED JULY 30, 1946, ENTITLED  
“CREATING THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS COMMISSION.”

The first four paragraphs of Administrative Order No. 7, dated July 30, 1946, entitled “Creating the Civil Aeronautics Commission,” are hereby amended to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, in order to promote efficient and coordinated development of civilian air transportation in the Philippines, there is need of establishing an agency to study and make recommendations on matters relative to the issuance of permits and licenses and designation and establishment of civil airways or routes, and to advise the Government on applications of foreign companies to establish air lines to the Philippines;

“NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the Civil Aeronautics Commission to study and make recommendations to the Government on applications for, or other matters concerning, the issuance of permits and licenses and the designation and establishment of civil air routes, and to advise the Government on applications of foreign companies to establish air lines to the Philippines. The Commission shall be composed of the Secretary Public Works and Communications, as Chairman, and Mr. Sotero Baluyot, Mr. Jose Paez, the Public Service Commissioner, and the Director of Aeronautics, as members.

“The Commission is hereby authorized to hold hearings on applications and other matters in connection with the issuance of permits and licenses and the designation and establishment of civil air routes and on applications of foreign companies to establish air lines to the Philippines. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, the Commission shall have the power to summon witnesses, issue subpoena, administer oaths and take testimony in connection with its work.

“All applications for, or other matters concerning, the issuance of permits and licenses and the designation and establishment of civil air routes, including applications of foreign companies to establish air lines in the Philippines, shall be prepared on forms to be prescribed by the Commission and filed with it. Its reports and recommendations on interinsular aviation shall be submitted by it to the President, through the Secretary of National Defense, and those on international aviation, through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.”

Done at the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11**  
**CREATING GUERRILLA AMNESTY COMMISSIONS**

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 8 dated September 7, 1946, duly concurred in by the Congress of the Philippines, and by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create and appoint fourteen Guerrilla Amnesty Commissions consisting of the following Judges of First Instance to take cognizance of the cases in the provinces respectively assigned to them:

FIRST COMMISSION:	Judges Ceferino Hilario, Manuel Arranz, Eulogio de Guzman and Bernardino Quitariano — for the Provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Viscaya and Batanes;
SECOND COMMISSION:	Judges Simeon Ramos, Ceferino de los Santos, Patricio Ceniza and Higino de Guia — for the Provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Abra and La Union;
THIRD COMMISSION:	Judges Conrado Sanchez, Sotero Rodas, Antonio Cañizares and Rafael Amparo — for the Provinces of Mountain Province and Baguio, Pangasinan, Zambales and Nueva Ecija;
FOURTH COMMISSION:	Judges Francisco Jose, Angel H. Mojica, Basilio Bautista and Bonifacio Ysip — for the Provinces of Tarlac, Pampanga, Bataan and Bulacan;
FIFTH COMMISSION:	Judges Alfonso Felix, Dionisio de Leon and Francisco Alfonso — for the City of Manila;
SIXTH COMMISSION:	Judges Emilio Peña, Jose Gutierrez David and Pascual Santos — for the Provinces of Rizal, Cavite and Palawan;
SEVENTH COMMISSION:	Judges Fernando Jugo, Mariano de la Rosa and Buenaventura Ocampo — for cases from the different provinces and cities now pending appeal in the Supreme Court;
EIGHT COMMISSION:	Judges Felix Bautista Angelo, Ramon R. San Jose, Oscar Castelo and Meynardo Farol — for the Provinces of Laguna (including San Pablo City), Quezon, Batangas, Mindoro, and Marinduque;
NINTH COMMISSION:	Judges Jose Surtida, Catalina Buenaventura, Hermones Caluag and Jose R. de Venecia — for the Provinces of Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Albay, Catanduanes, Sorsogon and Masbate;

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TENTH COMMISSION:	Judges Fernando Hernandez, Manuel Blanco, Querube Macalintal and Edmundo Piccio — for the Provinces of Capiz, Iloilo, Antique and Romblon;
ELEVENTH COMMISSION:	Judges Francisco Arellano, Gregorio Narvasa, Segundo Moscoso and Felix Martinez — for the Provinces of Occidental Negros, Oriental Negros, Siquijor and Cebu;
TWELFTH COMMISSION:	Judges Fidel Fernandez, Mariano C. Melendres, Manuel Laserna and Hermogenes Concepcion — for the Provinces of Samar, Leyte and Bohol;
THIRTEENTH COMMISSION:	Judges Froilan Bayona, Pedro Villamor, Anatolio Mañalac, and Perfecto Palacio — for the Provinces of Surigao, Agusan, Occidental Misamis, Oriental Misamis, Bukidnon and Lanao;
FOURTEENTH COMMISSION:	Judges Pablo Villalobos, Felicisimo Ocampo, Enrique Fernandez and Antonio Belmonte — for the Provinces of Zamboanga, Sulu, Davao and Cotabato.

With the exception of the Judges of the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Commissions, no Judge shall take part in the deliberation of his Commission upon the cases in the province to which he has been appointed or assigned as Judge. No Judge of First Instance shall try and decide any case which he may have previously passed upon as a member of the Commission.

The Provincial Fiscal of each province shall submit to the corresponding Amnesty Commission all the cases pending (1) in the different Justice of the Peace Courts, (2) in his office, and (3) in the Court of First Instance, in which the accused claim the benefit of Amnesty Proclamation No. 8. The Commission shall examine the facts and circumstances surrounding each case, and, if necessary or if requested by either or both of the interested parties, shall conduct summary hearings of witnesses both for the complainants and the accused. The decision or resolution on a given case need not state the facts in detail but merely and briefly the grounds upon which it is based. Cases already decided by the Court of First Instance but not yet elevated on appeal shall be passed upon and decided by the Commission. Cases pending appeal shall be passed upon and decided by the Seventh Commission. Any reasonable doubt as to whether a given case falls within the proclamation shall be resolved in favor of the accused.

Such stenographers and employees of the Court of First Instance as may be needed by the Commission shall be made available to it by the Judge of such court. The members of the Commission and their employees will be entitled to per diems and traveling expenses from the appropriations of the Department of Finance.

Any vacancy in any of the Commissions due to the death, sickness, resignation or transfer of any of the judges herein named, may be filled by the Secretary of Justice by assigning another judge thereto.

The different Commissions hereby created shall begin to function as soon as practicable.

The Secretary of Justice is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of expediting the work of the Commissions.

Done at the City of Manila, this 2nd day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12**

EXONERATING JUDGE QUIRICO ABETO FROM CHARGES WHICH GAVE RISE TO HIS INVESTIGATION IN 1941 AND ORDERING THE PAYMENT TO HIM OF HIS SALARY FROM THE DATE OF SUSPENSION, AUGUST 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 1941, INCLUDING THE THREE MONTHS' ADVANCE PAY AUTHORIZED IN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 167, DATED DECEMBER 12, 1941, AND THE GRATUITY EQUIVALENT TO TWO MONTHS' SALARY AUTHORIZED IN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 27, DATED DECEMBER 7, 1945.

This is an administrative case against the Honorable Quirico Abeto, Judge of the Court of First Instance of Manila, on charges of serious misconduct.

Acting on a letter dated 25 July 1941, signed by Attorneys C. A. DeWitt, E. A. Perkins and Alfonso Ponce Enrile, addressed to the Secretary of Justice and which was referred to the Supreme Court for investigation, this Court recommended to the President of the Philippines the suspension of the respondent pending such investigation. The President forthwith suspended the respondent. Mr. Justice Hermogenes Reyes of the defunct Court of Appeals was named investigator, and after an investigation which lasted more than one month, he recommended complete exoneration of the respondent in his report to the Supreme Court.

While this report was pending consideration in the Supreme Court, the war broke out, and in the course of the battle for the liberation of Manila, all the records of the Supreme Court, including the records of this case, were burned. In July, 1945, the Supreme Court, on petition of the respondent, ordered the reconstitution of the records of this case. Thereafter, the attorney for the respondent presented a motion for dismissal to which the complainants gave their conformity. The Supreme Court, however, denied this motion and forthwith ordered a new investigation appointing Justice Perfecto as investigator. While not all the records, such as the stenographic notes and the report of Justice Reyes, of the previous investigation were presented because of their loss, some documents, however, were produced, and the Supreme Court, on the basis of these documents, and by a majority vote, found the respondent guilty of improper conduct and recommended to the President of the Philippines that he be allowed to resign or not to return to office. The dispositive part of the resolution of the majority of the Supreme Court is as follows:

“From all the foregoing, and conformably to the vote of the majority, this Supreme Court resolves that it considers it its duty to signify to the President of the Philippines that it believes that the best interests of the administration of justice will be better served if Judge Quirico Abeto who committed such an improper conduct should be allowed to resign or not to return to office”.

In favor of the majority resolution, six justices voted, one justice concurring only in the recommendation but disagreeing with his brethren on the facts. A vigorous and strong dissenting

opinion voted by four justices has been registered. The justice who concurred in the recommendation of the majority has expressed his conformity to the findings of fact of the minority.

The law governing the case is Section 173 of the Revised Administrative Code, which reads, in part, as follows:

“No judge or (auxiliary judge) judge-at-large of first instance shall be separated or removed from office by the (Governor-General) President of the Philippines unless sufficient cause shall exist, in the judgment of the Supreme Court, involving serious misconduct or inefficiency, for the removal of said judge from office after the proper proceedings. The Supreme Court of the (Philippine Islands) Philippines is authorized, upon its own motion or upon information of the (Attorney-General) Secretary of Justice of the (Philippine Islands) Philippines to conduct an inquiry into the official or personal conduct of any judge appointed under the provisions of this law, and to adopt such rules of procedure in that regard as it may deem proper, and, after such judge shall have been heard in his own defense, the Supreme Court may recommend his removal to the (Governor-General) President of the Philippines who, if he deems that the public interest will be subserved thereby, shall thereupon make the appropriate order for such removal.

“The (Governor-General) President of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Supreme Court, may temporarily suspend a judge pending proceedings under this section. In case the judge suspended is acquitted of the cause or causes that gave rise to the investigation, the (Governor-General) President of the Philippines shall order the payment of him of the salary, or part thereof, which he did not receive during his suspension, from any available funds for expenses of the judiciary.

“The cost and expenses incident to such investigations shall be paid from the funds appropriated for contingent expenses of the judiciary, upon vouchers approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.”

The records in this case are so scant that there is no way by which to judge the facts thoroughly. However, as the Supreme Court is divided in its opinion on the facts and in justice to the respondent who has served the Government for more than thirty years, I have examined the existing records very carefully, especially the evidence discussed in both the majority and dissenting opinions of the Supreme Court, and I have found the evidence insufficient to establish the relationship between Judge Abeto and the two parties charged with having mediated in the proposition of bribery, object of the complaint. The complainants themselves are unanimous in saying that in all their interviews with the intermediary, this party assured them that the respondent was completely a stranger to the proposition. I am satisfied, therefore, that the responsibility of the respondent has not been sufficiently proven.

For the foregoing considerations, I hereby exonerate the respondent Judge Quirico Abeto from the charge which gave rise to his investigation, but because his office has already been filled, his reinstatement or reappointment is not now possible. I also hereby order the payment to him of his salary from the date of his suspension, August 1, 1941 to December 31, 1941, including the three months' advance pay authorized in Administrative Order No. 167, dated December 12, 1941, and the gratuity equivalent to two months' salary provided in Administrative Order No. 27, dated December 7, 1945.

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Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 12th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 13

CREATING A COMMISSION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PORT COMMISSION, TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CREATED UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 35, DATED 29 MAY 1946, AND TO ACT AS THE AGENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF PORT AND HARBOR FACILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES UNDER SECTION 303(a) OF THE PHILIPPINE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1946.

WHEREAS, under Section 303(a) of the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, the program for the rehabilitation, improvement and construction of port and harbor facilities in the Philippines will be carried out after consultation with the Philippine Government; and

WHEREAS, it is convenient that an agency of the Republic of the Philippines be specifically created to act as liaison between our Government and the agencies of the Government of the United States of America charged with the duty of carrying out the program above referred to.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby reconstitute the Committee created under Administrative Order No. 35, dated 29 May 1946, into a Philippine Port Commission, to be composed of the following:

The Undersecretary of Public Works and Communications	Chairman
The Collector of Customs	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Vicente Fragante	Member
Major Enrique Razon	"
Commander Chick Parsons, Manager, Luzon Stevedoring Company	"
Mr. Jose Fernandez , Managing Director, Compañia Maritima	"
Mr. L. B. Jepson, General Agent, American President Lines, Ltd.	"

The Philippine Port Commission shall perform the functions vested in the Committee created under Administrative Order No. 35, dated 29 May 1946, and, in addition, shall be the agency of the Republic of the Philippines to consult and deal with the agencies of the Government of the United States of America charged with the duty of carrying out the program for the rehabilitation, improvement, and construction of port and harbor facilities in the Philippines as provided in Section 303(a) of the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946.

The departments, bureaus or offices concerned shall furnish to the Commission such technical and clerical assistance, data, and information as it may require in connection with the performance of its duties and the Commission shall have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers or records of said departments, bureaus, or offices.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 14**

CREATING A REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE PRESIDENT IN THE REORGANIZATION OF THE DIFFERENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES, AGENCIES, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE CORPORATIONS OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY IT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 51.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Republic Act No. 51, the President has been authorized to reorganize within one year the different executive departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and other instrumentalities of the Government, including the corporations owned or controlled by it; and

WHEREAS, it is urgently necessary for the purpose of promoting simplicity, economy and efficiency in the operation of the Government that the reorganization contemplated in said Act be carried out as expeditiously as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Reorganization Committee which shall be composed of the following:

Commissioner of the Budget	Chairman
Auditor General	Member
Commissioner of Civil Service	Member
Prof. Vidal Tan	"
Mr. Cornelio Balmaceda	"
Dr. Manuel Lim	"
Mr. Baltazar G. Cuyugan	"
Mr. Faustino Sy-Changco	Secretary

Within the limits of the total authorized appropriation for the fiscal year 1947, the Committee, after making a factual survey of the organizational set-up of the Government, shall recommend such reforms and changes in the different executive departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and other instrumentalities of the Government, including the corporations owned or controlled by the Government, as may be deemed necessary, and for this purpose, the Committee may submit recommendations to diminish, add to or abolish those existing and create new ones; consolidate related undertakings; transfer functions, appropriations, equipment, property, records, and personnel from one department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality to another; eliminate duplicated services or authorize new ones not provided for; classify, combine, split or abolish positions, standardize salaries, and do whatever is necessary and desirable to effect economy and promote efficiency in the government service.

To facilitate the work of the Committee, the Head of Department shall immediately create a reorganization sub-committee in his department. There shall also be sub-committees for the



reorganization of the corporations owned or controlled by the Government to be appointed by the respective boards of said corporations.

In the performance of its work, the Committee may secure the services of such officers and employees of any department, bureau, office, agency and other instrumentality of the Government, including the corporations owned or controlled by the Government, whose assistance it may require.

The Committee or its duly authorized representatives shall, for the purpose of securing needed data and information, have access to, and have the right to examine any books, documents, papers, or records of the executive departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the Government, including the corporations owned or controlled by it.

In order to expedite the reorganization of the Government as contemplated in Republic Act No. 51, the Committee shall submit its report and recommendation not later than December 15, 1946, and the sub-committees for the different departments and for the corporations owned or controlled by the government shall submit their reports to the Committee not later than November 20, 1946.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 15**

SUSPENDING JUDGE VICENTE BAUTISTA OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF MANILA  
PENDING INVESTIGATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CASE FILED AGAINST HIM BY  
ATTORNEY LORENZO P. MAGTUTU AND DESIGNATING THE HONORABLE MARIANO DE  
LA ROSA, EXECUTIVE JUDGE OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF MANILA,  
TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE.

An administrative sworn complaint has been presented against Mr. Vicente Bautista, Judge, Municipal Court of Manila, by Atty. Lorenzo P. Magtutu, charging him with irregularities and anomalies in the performance of his duties, to wit:

- (a) That he holds sessions only once or twice a week;
- (b) That he sets for hearing many cases, criminal or civil, but only a few are tried, and on the following day many are decided without presentation of evidence;
- (c) That he sentences many accused without giving them opportunity to answer the complaint or information;
- (d) That he authorizes his clerk to impose fines for violation of traffic regulations; and
- (e) That the clerk signs warrants of arrest or search warrants without taking declaration under oath of the police officers who apply for said writs.

Judge Bautista in his answer to said complaint admits having instructed the docket clerk to impose a fine of ₱10 on alleged violators of traffic regulations who are willing to pay the fine, whether guilty or not. The report of Executive Judge Guillermo Cabrera of the Municipal Court of Manila states that the charges against Judge Bautista are true and can be substantiated. The preliminary investigation conducted by the Secretary of Justice shows that Judge Bautista often absents himself from office without filing any application for leave of absence, and that even during his absence the docket clerk signs his name to sentences imposing fines on alleged violators of traffic regulations.

In view of the foregoing, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Justice and pursuant to section 694 of the Revised Administrative Code, Judge Vicente Bautista of the Municipal Court of Manila is hereby suspended from office pending investigation of and decision on the administrative charges against him.

The Honorable Mariano de la Rosa, Executive Judge of the Court of First Instance of Manila, is hereby designated to investigate the administrative charges against Municipal Judge Vicente Bautista and to submit his report and recommendation to the President, thru the Secretary of Justice, as soon as practicable.

Done at the City of Manila this 28th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 16**  
**APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE EMERGENCY CURRENCY BOARD.**

In order to carry out the provisions of Republic Act Numbered Twenty-two, entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF AN EMERGENCY CURRENCY BOARD, THE REGISTRATION, DEPOSIT AND OUTLAWING OF EMERGENCY CURRENCY NOTES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby name and appoint the following members to compose the Emergency Currency Board created in the aforesaid Act:

Mr. Marciano Guevara,	Chairman
Mr. Santiago Ramos,	Member
Mr. Pablo D. Tobias,	Member
Mr. Francisco P. Monge,	Secretary

The members of the Board shall immediately enter upon the performance of their duties as prescribed in said Republic Act Numbered Twenty-two.

Done at the City of Manila, this 31st day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO  
*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 17**  
**IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11 CREATING**  
**GUERRILLA AMNESTY COMMISSIONS.**

To implement the provisions of Administrative Order No. 11, dated October 2, 1946, and by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create and appoint an additional Guerilla Amnesty Commission which is hereby designated as the PHILIPPINE ARMY AMNESTY COMMISSION, consisting of the following officers:

Colonel Luis P. Torres, JAGS  
Major Fred Ruiz Castro, JAGS  
Major Sixto S. J. Carlos, JAGS

The Philippine Army Amnesty Commission shall take cognizance of all cases of persons subject to military law and falling within the terms of Amnesty Proclamation No. 8.

No member of the Philippine Army Amnesty Commission shall sit as member of a court-martial to try and decide any case which he may have previously passed upon as a member of the Commission.

The appointing authority of any court-martial shall submit to the Philippine Army Amnesty Commission thru the Adjutant General, Philippine Army, all cases in which the accused claims the benefits of Amnesty Proclamation No. 8, dated September 7, 1946.

In conducting hearings and rendering decisions on cases submitted to it, said Commission shall be governed by such rules and regulations applicable to the Commission created under Administrative Order No. 11, dated October 2, 1946, as are not inconsistent with rules and regulations of special application to the said Philippine Army Amnesty Commission. The Secretary of National Defense is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of expediting the work of the Philippine Army Amnesty Commission.

Any temporary vacancy in the Philippine Army Amnesty Commission shall be filled by the Secretary of National Defense.

Such stenographers, civilian employees and transportation facilities of the Philippine Army as may be needed by the Philippine Army Amnesty Commission shall be made available to it by the Chief of Staff, Philippine Army.

Done at the City of Manila, this 15th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 18**

**CREATING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY, DETERMINE AND LIST  
THE SURPLUS PROPERTIES NEEDED FOR THE USE OF THE GOVERNMENT, ITS AGENCIES  
AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED  
CORPORATIONS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 33, which governs the disposition of properties acquired from the Government of the United States of America under the Agreement of 11 September 1946, contemplates that in the disposition of said properties priority shall be given to the needs of the Government, its subdivisions and instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create an Interdepartmental Committee to study, determine, and list all the requirements of the different departments, bureaus and offices of the Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations and local governments, for properties acquired by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines pursuant to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Philippines on 11 September 1946. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Chief of the Executive Office	Chairman
The Commissioner of the Budget	Member
The Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs	Member
The Undersecretary of the Interior	Member
The Undersecretary of Finance	Member
The Undersecretary of Justice	Member
The Undersecretary of Agriculture and Commerce	Member
The Undersecretary of Instruction	Member
The Undersecretary of Public Works and Communications	Member
The Undersecretary of Labor	Member
The Undersecretary of Health and Public Welfare	Member
The Chief of Staff, Philippine Army	Member
Mr. Arturo Tanco	Member

The different departments, bureaus and offices of the Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, including the government-owned or controlled corporations and local governments, shall furnish to the Committee such technical and clerical assistance, data, and information as it may require in connection with the performance of its duties and the Committee shall have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers or records of said departments, bureaus or offices, agencies or instrumentalities, corporations and local governments.

Done at the City of Manila, this 15th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 19**  
CREATING A COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP  
OF MANILA FOR THE ACQUISITION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PROPERTIES BELONGING  
TO THE LATTER.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Committee to be composed of the following:

Hon. Roman Ozaeta	Chairman
Hon. Ramon Avanceña	Member
Hon. Ramon Fernandez	Member
Mr. Jose Paez	Member
Mr. Antonio Pagua	Member
Mr. Faustino Aguilar	Member
Mr. Jose Baluyot	Member

The Committee herein created shall conduct negotiations with the Archbishop of Manila with a view to the acquisition by the Government of such properties owned by the Archbishop as he may be willing to dispose of in favor of the Government and the acquisition of which properties by the Government will promote the public interest. The Committee shall submit to the President as soon as possible a report of the results of its negotiations with the Archbishop of Manila, together with its recommendations.

Done in the City of Manila this 29th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO  
*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20**  
**CREATING A COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**ON THE WAYS AND MEANS TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF PALAY, CORN**  
**AND OTHER FOOD CROPS.**

WHEREAS, this country is not self-sufficient in rice, corn and other food crops, thereby necessitating heavy annual importation of these foodstuffs from abroad;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines there are vast tracts of fertile lands, both private and public, still undeveloped and untouched, capable of producing all of our requirements in the above food crops;

WHEREAS, the development and settlement of these lands would provide productive employment for the surplus population in the congested farm areas;

WHEREAS, the present system of cultivation for the production of rice and corn is antiquated and wasteful, calling for the introduction of better scientific methods and the utilization of modern farm machinery and equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create and constitute a Rice and Corn Production Commission which shall be composed of the following:

Felipe Buencamino, Jr.	Chairman
Jose Camus	Member
Eduardo Cojuangco	Member
Hilarion Henares	Member
Vicente Tordesillas	Member
Amando Dalisay	Member
Jose Gaston	Member
Senen Gabaldon	Member
Luis Lichauco	Member

It shall be the duty of this Commission to recommend areas of public and private lands suitable for immediate development; to submit plans to bring these areas into immediate cultivation for the production of rice, corn and other food crops; and to recommend means and methods for the speedy mechanization of Philippine rice and corn culture.

Each member of the Commission who is not in the Government service shall receive a per diem to be fixed by the President.

The Commission shall submit to the President of the Philippines its report and recommendations not later than December 15, 1946.

The Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such information as it may require in the performance of its functions, and for the purpose of securing such information, it shall have access to and shall have

the right to examine any books, documents, papers, or records of such departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government.

Done at the City of Manila, this 3rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 21**  
**CREATING A DIVISION OF CONTROLS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Division of Controls in the Executive Office to effectuate the general policies which the President may lay down from time to time with respect to the sale, lease, transfer, distribution or disposition of machinery, equipment, merchandize, food, clothing and other articles or commodities by the National Trading Corporation, the Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the Agricultural Machinery and Equipment Corporation, and the Surplus Property Commission. The Division herein created shall pass upon all transactions of said corporations which under the laws or executive orders governing the operation thereof require the approval of the President for their completion or consummation.

The President shall designate the person to take charge of the Division of Controls with the assistance of such officers and employees as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Chief of the Executive Office.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO  
*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 22**  
**DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL RIZAL DAY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the mid-centennial anniversary of Jose Rizal's martyrdom on December thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-six, falls in the first year of the Republic of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of the Republic this year constitutes the glorious fulfillment of the dream for which our greatest national hero freely gave his life in sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby call upon all officials and citizens of the Republic to observe the mid-centennial anniversary of his sacrifice with the most appropriate ceremonies and programs expressive of the nation's highest homage and gratitude; and designate to the national Rizal Day Committee, with Emilio Abello, as chairman, and Marciano Roque, Sergio Bayan, Prudencio Langcauon, Rafael Jalandoni, Valeriano Fugoso, Manuel de la Fuente, Alfredo de Leon, Antonio Pagua, Francisca T. Benitez and Toribio Teodoro, as members, and Vicente Lontok as Executive Secretary, to organize and effect all arrangements necessary for the fitting celebration of the day all over the Philippines and secure the cooperation of all government and private instrumentalities to ensure its success.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 5th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 23**  
**SUSPENDING PROVINCIAL FISCAL MARIANO V. BENEDICTO OF ZAMBOANGA**

Informations for murder having been filed by the Provincial Fiscal of Iloilo with the tenth Guerrilla Amnesty Commission against Mr. Mariano V. Benedicto, Provincial Fiscal of Zamboanga, for the deaths of Amando Perlas and Jesus F. Diez, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and in the interest of the public service, do hereby order the suspension from office of Provincial Fiscal Mariano V. Benedicto of Zamboanga pending the final determination of said cases.

Done at the City of Manila, this 21st day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO  
*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 24**  
**GRANTING FULL AND PLENARY PARDON TO CONRADO R. SOLEDAD,**  
**ENLISTED MAN OF THE RESERVE FORCE, PHILIPPINE ARMY**

Conrado R. Soledad, enlisted man of the Reserve Force of the Philippine Army, who was dishonorably discharged from the Philippine Constabulary on November 2, 1935, for having been convicted by Summary Court three times within the period of one year, prays that he be granted full and plenary pardon.

The Secretary of National Defense recommends that the petition be granted.

IN VIEW THEREOF, Conrado R. Soledad is hereby granted full and plenary pardon.

Done at the City of Manila, this 6th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL ROXAS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **EMILIO ABELLO**

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 25**  
**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND THE BEST USE**  
**THAT MAY BE MADE OF THE MONTALBAN WATERSHED**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Committee to be composed of the following:

Hon. Sergio Bayan	Chairman
Mr. Louis P. Croft	Member
A representative of the Director of Lands	Member

The Committee herein created shall study and recommend the best use that may be made of the Montalban Watershed which was reserved by the Government to protect the water supply of Manila from the Mariquina River. The Watershed, which has an area of about 28,000 hectares, is no longer needed by the Metropolitan Water District. The Committee shall submit its report and recommendations to the President not later than January 31, 1947.

Done in the City of Manila this 13th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO  
*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 26**  
**REMOVING RAFAEL MERIN FROM OFFICE AS MUNICIPAL MAYOR**  
**OF MAHATAO, BATANES**

This is an administrative case against RAFAEL MERIN, Municipal Mayor of Mahatao, Batanes.

From the investigation conducted by the Provincial Board of Batanes, the Secretary of the Interior finds the respondent inefficient in the performance of his official duties, and that the people of Mahatao, Batanes, have lost their respect, trust and confidence in his administration.

In view of the foregoing and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior, the respondent, RAFAEL MERIN, is hereby removed from office as Municipal Mayor of Mahatao, Batanes.

Done at the City of Manila, this 17th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 27**  
CREATING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
THE PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SHARES OF STOCK  
OF THE MANILA GAS CORPORATION.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Committee to be composed of the following:

Hon. Miguel Cuaderno, Sr.	Chairman
Hon. Jose Yulo	Member
Hon. Pio Pedrosa	Member
Hon. Valeriano Fugoso	Member
Hon. Manuel de la Fuente	Member
Hon. Vicente Carmona	Member
Dean Leoncio Monzon	Member

The Committee herein created shall study the proposal that the Government purchase shares of stock of the Manila Gas Corporation and submit its report and recommendations thereon to the President.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 28**  
AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7, DATED JULY 30, 1946, ENTITLED  
“CREATING THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS COMMISSION” AS AMENDED BY  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10, DATED AUGUST 24, 1946.

Administrative Order No. 7, dated July 30, 1946, entitled “Creating the Civil Aeronautics Commission” as amended by Administrative Order No. 10, dated August 24, 1946, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, in order to promote efficient and coordinated development of civilian air transportation in the Philippines, there is need of establishing an agency to study and make recommendations on matters relative to the issuance of permits and licenses and/or designation and establishment of civil airways or routes, and to advise the Government on applications of foreign companies to establish air lines to the Philippines;

“NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the Civil Aeronautics Commission to study and make recommendations to the Government on applications for, or other matters concerning, the issuance of permits and licenses and the designation and establishment of civil air routes, and to advise the Government on applications of foreign companies to establish air lines to the Philippines. The Commission shall be composed of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, as Chairman, and Mr. Sotero Baluyot, Mr. Jose Paez, the Public Service Commissioner, and the Director of Aeronautics, as members. In case of the absence of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, the Public Service Commissioner or the Director of Aeronautics, the Undersecretary of Public Works and Communications, the Deputy Public Service Commissioner and the Assistant Director of Aeronautics, respectively, shall sit in their places.

“The Commission is hereby authorized to hold hearings on applications and other matters in connection with the issuance of permits and licenses and the designation and establishment of civil air routes and on applications of foreign companies to establish air lines to the Philippines. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, the Commission shall have the power to summon witnesses, issue subpoena, administer oaths and take testimony in connection with its work.

“All applications for, or other matters concerning, the issuance of permits and licenses and the designation and establishment of civil air routes, including applications of foreign companies to establish air lines to the Philippines, shall be prepared on forms to be prescribed by the Commission and filed with it. Its

reports and recommendations on interinsular aviation shall be submitted by it to the President, through the Secretary of National Defense, and those on international aviation, through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

“The Commission is hereby authorized to charge such fees as it may determine for the filing of applications but not exceeding Two Hundred Pesos (₱200.00) for each application and may by resolution provide for the payment of a per diem not exceeding Twenty Pesos (₱20) for each member for each meeting attended by him, subject to the approval of the President.”

Done at the City of Manila, this 5th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 29**

CREATING A REPARATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS ON REPARATIONS REMOVALS FOR DISTRIBUTION  
IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MANNER BY WHICH THEIR UTILIZATION  
WOULD MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines has already filed with the Far Eastern Commission through its representative its claims for reparations from Japan consisting primarily of industrial machinery and equipment vitally essential to the restoration of Philippine economy destroyed by the war;

WHEREAS, a Philippine Mission on Reparations and Restitution has already been sent to Japan to work closely with the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Tokyo in arranging for the removal of reparations that may be made available to the Philippines under policy directives from the Far Eastern Commission and for the speedy restitution of looted property;

WHEREAS, it has been reported by the Philippine representative to the Far Eastern Commission that advance transfers of reparations equipment may soon be authorized by the Far Eastern Commission;

WHEREAS, the activities pertaining to the filing of claims for specific industrial equipment, plants and facilities and the planning for the utilization of reparations equipment and other materials have to be coordinated with the general economic policies and plans of the Government as well as the overall industrialization plans, not only for the effective and speedy prosecution of Philippine claims but also for the efficient removal, distribution, and utilization of the industrial equipment and other materials that may be obtained under such claims for the rehabilitation of Philippine economy; and

WHEREAS, there is at present no entity that can coordinate the aforementioned activities and achieve effective and coordinated action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Reparations Advisory Committee which shall be composed of a Chairman and four members to be appointed by the President. The Chairman of the Committee shall be chosen from the Office of the President; one member from the Department of Foreign Affairs; one member from the Rehabilitation Finance Corporation, and two members from the National Development Company, one of whom shall come from the technical staff of said company.

It shall be the duty of this committee to make recommendations to the President on industrial equipment, plants and facilities that will be claimed by the Philippines for reparations and the priorities thereof; to study and make recommendations on the different aspects of distribution and allocation of industrial equipment, plants, and facilities which may be allocated to the Philippines, in the light of the local requirements for them, not only by government agencies but also by private individuals and organizations; to study and make recommendations on the financing of the establishment of industries utilizing reparations equipment; to review and pass upon recommendations of bodies or agencies concerned with reparations for the ultimate action of the President; and, pending the creation

of the National Economic Council, to coordinate and correlate reparations plans and activities with the general overall planning for the development of the national economy of the Philippines.

The Technical Staff which will handle the industrial planning and all other technical aspects of the work on reparations shall be provided by the National Development Company, the membership of such staff and their salaries to be determined by the said company.

The Committee shall submit from time to time to the President, through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, its reports and recommendations and shall acquaint the President with the progress of implementation of the policy-decisions as well as the actual removal, transfer, distribution, allocation, and utilization of reparations equipment, plants and facilities.

The Committee is hereby empowered and authorized to call upon any department, bureau, agency, or instrumentality of the Government for such information and assistance as it may require in the performance of its functions.

Done at the City of Manila, this 28th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 30**

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE, CLASSIFY, PROCESS OR SCREEN, FOR PRESENTATION TO THE PHILIPPINES REPARATIONS AND RESTITUTION MISSION IN TOKYO, JAPAN, ALL CLAIMS AGAINST JAPAN FOR THE RESTITUTION OF LOOTED GOODS FILED BY PRIVATE PERSONS AND CORPORATIONS AND BY THE VARIOUS AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the Philippines Reparations and Restitution Mission to Japan has recommended the creation of a proper government agency in the Philippines to take charge of receiving, classifying, processing or screening and presenting to the said Mission in Tokyo all claims against Japan filed by private parties and the various agencies and instrumentalities of the Government for restitution of looted property;

WHEREAS, the setting up of such an agency is necessary in order to coordinate and expedite all such claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create and constitute a Committee to receive, classify, process or screen, and present to the Philippines Reparations and Restitution Mission all claims against Japan filed by private persons and corporations and the various agencies and instrumentalities of the Government for the restitution of looted property. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. Mr. Arturo M. Gonzalez, of the Office of the President;
2. Mr. A. M. Dalisay, of the Department of Foreign Affairs;
3. Mr. Casiano Anunciacion, of the Department of the Interior;
4. Mr. Julio Calvo, of the Department of Finance;
5. Mr. Eusebio Cachero, of the Department of Justice;
6. Mr. Canuto G. Manuel, of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce;
7. Mr. Eladio M. Santos, of the Department of Public Works and Communications;
8. Mr. Eulogio B. Rodriguez, of the Department of Instruction;
9. Mr. Cesario de Leon, of the Department of Labor;
10. Major Generoso S. Maceda, of the Department of National Defense;
11. Dr. Bienvenido Caro, of the Department of Health and Public Welfare.

The members shall elect their Chairman. They should immediately enter upon the performance of their duties.

The Committee herein created shall receive, classify, process or screen, or otherwise put in due and proper form all claims against Japan filed by the various agencies or instrumentalities of the Government and by private parties and corporations for the restitution of looted property. After such claims shall have been prepared in accordance with regulations that may be prescribed by the proper authorities of the Supreme Commander for Allied Powers, the Committee shall forward all claims,

through the Department of Foreign Affairs, to the Philippines Reparations and Restitution Mission in Tokyo.

In order to expedite the work of the Committee, it is hereby empowered to create subcommittees whenever and wherever necessary. The powers herein granted to the members of the Committee are granted also to the members of subcommittees. The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau or office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such information and clerical assistance as it may require in the performance of its work. For the purpose of securing needed data and information, the Committee shall have access to, and the right to examine the books, documents, papers, or records of any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the Government and the books, documents, papers, or records of such private parties, firms, corporations, business houses or enterprises that may have filed claims for restitution of looted property.

In connection with the performance of their duties, the members of the Committee herein created are hereby granted all the powers of an Investigating Committee under Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 31**  
**REQUIRING MR. VICENTE BAUTISTA, JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT,**  
**BRANCH III, OF THE CITY OF MANILA, TO RESIGN**

This is an administrative case against Mr. Vicente Bautista, Judge of the Municipal Court, Branch III, of the City of Manila, who stands charged with the following irregularities in the performance of his duties: (1) that he holds sessions only once or twice a week; (2) that he sets many cases, criminal and civil, for hearing but only a few are actually tried, and on the following day, many of the cases not heard are already decided; (3) that he sentences accused without giving them opportunity to answer the complaint or information; (4) that he authorizes his clerk to impose fines for violation of traffic regulations; and (5) that this clerk signs warrants for arrest or search warrants without taking the declaration under oath of the peace officers applying for said writs.

After investigation, the Secretary of Justice found only charges Nos. 1, 4 and 5 proven, and recommended that respondent judge be required to resign from office with prejudice to reinstatement. After carefully going over the record, I concur in the findings of the Secretary of Justice that charges Nos. 2 and 3 have not been substantiated.

As regards charge No. 1, the evidence establishes the fact that respondent judge, to the prejudice of the Government and the public, spent much official time outside of his office to attend to purely personal interests without even applying for leave of absence.

With respect to charge No. 4, it is clear that the respondent authorized Francisco Piamonte, general docket clerk of his court, to impose fines in traffic violation cases where the defendants were ready to plead guilty and to pay a fine of ten pesos for each violation. Respondent attempted to justify his conduct by claiming that he had observed that many persons accused of violation of traffic regulations who were willing to plead guilty and pay the minimum fine, waited for him from 8:00 o'clock in the morning until noon time when he would be through with the court session; and to avoid delay, he instructed Francisco Piamonte to attend to them so that they could pay their fines without his intervention. This action of the respondent constitutes a clear delegation of judicial functions which is totally repugnant and reprehensible. Undoubtedly, those who have come to learn of his irregular practice have lost their respect for his court because only a mere clerk thereof, instead of the judge who was chosen for his legal and personal qualifications to preside the same, sits in judgment over those charged with traffic violations.

With respect to charge No. 5, it appears that respondent illegally issued fifty blank search warrants upon request of an officer of the Manila Police Department and on the mere assurance by third parties that the Secretary of Justice had sanctioned their issuance. The information was not true because the said Secretary did not give his approval to such act. That no abuse was shown to have been committed by the peace officers serving the warrants can not outweigh the bold disregard by the respondent judge of the sanctity of the constitutional right of every individual to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizure. The Constitution and the Rules of Court require that no search warrant shall be issued except upon probable cause to be determined by the judge after examination

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under oath or affirmation of the complainant and the witnesses he may produce, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the things to be seized. To issue blank search warrants without observing the mandatory requirement above set forth is an open contravention of the fundamental law. It was his duty to refuse to issue the warrant if the requirement of the law was not complied with, irrespective of who asked for their issuance or who gave sanction thereto. His having complied with a request which he very well knew involved a serious violation of a constitutional guaranty to individual rights, seriously reflects against his conduct as a judicial officer. While he is expected to extend his full cooperation in the campaign against lawlessness, nevertheless his cooperation should not have gone to the extent of flouting the law which he had sworn to administer, and thus become a party to the possible commission of abuses against innocent and peaceful individuals.

The irregularities committed by the respondent judge constitute, beyond doubt, serious misconduct in office. This administration is determined to raise the standard of the judiciary to the highest level so that the people may have full trust and confidence in our courts. This objective can only be attained if the judges are men of the highest integrity and moral character, of unquestioned capacity, and of the broadest human sympathies and understanding. They should not only be familiar with the law but, above all, they should respect and apply it under all circumstances and never to sacrifice the same for the sake of expediency.

For all the foregoing, the respondent, Mr. Vicente Bautista, should be required to resign from office. As the respondent has already tendered his resignation, the same is hereby accepted, with prejudice to reinstatement.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of March in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 32**  
RECONSTITUTING THE COMMITTEE CREATED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 103,  
DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 1939, AS AMENDED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS NOS. 128  
AND 144, DATED JUNE 7, 1940 AND JULY 2, 1941, RESPECTIVELY.

WHEREAS, the records of the Committee created by Administrative Order No. 103, dated September 18, 1939, as amended by Administrative Orders Nos. 128 and 144, dated June 7, 1940 and July 2, 1941, respectively, to investigate the matter of the use of rivers and the obstruction and pollution of streams, as well as the report of its findings, have been lost and are not now available;

WHEREAS, the closing or partial obstruction of many streams in the Philippines and their conversion into fishponds give rise to numerous controversies and complaints;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby reconstitute the Committee created by Administrative Order No. 103, as amended, and appoint the following to carry out the purposes enumerated in the three aforementioned Administrative Orders:

The Secretary of Justice, Chairman  
The Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, and  
The Secretary of Public Works and Communications, Members.

In the fulfillment of their duties, the members of the Committee may appoint their respective representatives who are authorized to take testimony or evidence with all the incidental powers provided for in Section 580 of the Revised Administrative Code.

The Committee shall investigate and report on the following:

- (1) The status of all the rivers and streams in the Philippines, in order to determine whether they are of private or of public ownership;
- (2) The claims of private parties to any of them, attaching to the report copies of the pertinent papers, documents, contracts and memoranda of the decisions of the competent courts or the laws applicable thereto;
- (3) The value or importance of said rivers or streams for the conservation of the natural resources, indicating which of them are navigable, floatable or convenient for public use;
- (4) The advisability of opening any of them, if closed, for river control purposes and for navigation or for fishing;
- (5) The necessity of adopting administrative measures or legislation to carry out the policy of keeping open such rivers and streams, whether of private or of public ownership, as may be necessary to promote and safeguard the public interest; and
- (6) The prevention of the pollution of rivers or streams by the discharge into and accumulation in their waters of mill refuse or "tailings" and similar matters and substances.

Every department, bureau, office, and dependency or agency of the Government shall furnish to the Committee such assistance, data, and information as it may need in carrying out its functions.

The Committee shall proceed at once in accordance with the provisions of this Order and shall submit to the President report of its work from time to time as the circumstances of each case may warrant.

Done at the City of Manila, this 12th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 33**  
**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF GRAFT AND CORRUPTION**  
**AGAINST OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE,**  
**AND TO STUDY THE PRESENT ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF SAID BUREAU**  
**SO AS TO AVOID IRREGULARITIES THEREIN.**

A Committee is hereby created to investigate charges of graft and corruption filed against officers and employees of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and to receive and examine the evidence which may now have been gathered or may be gathered by government agencies engaged in the investigation of alleged anomalies therein, as well as to study the present organization and operation of said bureau with a view to making recommendations on how to avoid irregularities therein. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Hon. Rafael Amparo, Judge of first Instance	–	Chairman
Hon. Pio Joven, Deputy Auditor General	–	Member
Mr. Montano A. Tejam, Special Agent, Department of Finance	–	Member

For the purpose of the investigation, the Committee is hereby granted all the powers of an Investigating Committee under Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, including the power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony or evidence relevant to the investigation. The Committee is also empowered and authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such information as it may require in the performance of its work, and, for the purpose of securing such information, it shall have access to, and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, or records thereof.

The Committee shall submit its report and recommendations not later than May 15, 1947.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL ROXAS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **EMILIO ABELLO**

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 34**

**AUTHORIZING THE ALTO SURETY AND INSURANCE COMPANY, INCORPORATED  
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS  
AND UNDERTAKINGS.**

WHEREAS, section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for the doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has any contract with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Alto Surety and Insurance Company, Incorporated is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Alto Surety and Insurance Company, Incorporated to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) N. ROXAS  
*Assistant Secretary*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 35**  
**CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY**  
**CELEBRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES ON JULY 4, 1947.**

WHEREAS, the fourth of July, 1946, is of great historical importance to the Filipino people because it was on that day that Philippine Independence was granted and the Republic of the Philippines proclaimed and inaugurated; and

WHEREAS, in order to impress upon our people, especially the youth, the significance of that important event in our national life, it is fitting and proper that the day be observed with appropriate ceremonies:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute and create a National Committee to formulate plans and devise ways and means for the appropriate celebration of the First Anniversary of the Republic of the Philippines. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Hon. Jose C. Zulueta	Chairman
Hon. Jose Yulo	Member
Gen. Rafael Jalandoni	Member
Hon. Valeriano Fugoso	Member
Hon. Sergio Bayan	Member
Com. Arsenio Luz	Member
Hon. Manuel Lim	Member
Mr. Toribio Teodoro	Member
Mr. Antonio Paguia	Member
Dr. Patrocinio Valenzuela	Member
Mr. Vicente Lontok	Executive Secretary

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and for the purpose of discharging its functions, may create such subcommittee as may be necessary.



Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 36**  
**TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REVEREND G. CRISOSTOMO ESTATE**  
**FROM THE BUREAU OF LANDS TO THE RURAL PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION.**

WHEREAS, the late Reverend G. Crisostomo donated to the Philippine Government certain properties consisting mostly of residential lands located in the municipalities of Cabanatuan and Santa Rosa, Nueva Ecija;

WHEREAS, under a Memorandum Order of Governor General Wood the administration of said estate was transferred from the office of the Attorney General to the Bureau of Lands;

WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 191 of the President of the Philippines, dated March 2, 1939, the Rural Progress Administration was created among the powers of which is the acquisition and management of homesites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order the transfer of the administration of all the properties pertaining to the Reverend G. Crisostomo Estate from the Bureau of Lands to the Rural Progress Administration.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 37**  
**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO MAKE AN INQUIRY INTO, INVESTIGATE, AND SUBMIT**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE MANAGEMENT**  
**AND DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTIES IN CEBU BASE.**

A Committee, composed of Assistant Solicitor-General Carmelino Alvendia, as Chairman, and Agustin P. Montesa and Severo de Ungria, as members, is hereby created to make an inquiry into, investigate, and submit recommendations on alleged irregularities in the management and disposition of surplus properties in the Cebu Base received by the Republic of the Philippines from the Government of the United States of America, which may be submitted to it from time to time by the President or by any agency of the Government, or on complaint of private parties.

The investigation should be finished by 15 June 1947, and the report and recommendations of the Committee must be submitted on or before 24 June 1947.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL ROXAS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **EMILIO ABELLO**

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 38**  
**CREATING A REAL PROPERTY BOARD TO ATTEND TO PROBLEMS INVOLVING REAL**  
**ESTATE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLANNING OF THE CITY OF MANILA.**

For the purpose of attending to various problems involving private real estate arising from the formulation and execution of the planning of the City of Manila by the National Urban Planning Commission, there is hereby created a Real Property Board to be composed of three members who shall be appointed by the President. The Chairman of the Board shall be chosen from the Office of the Assessor of the City of Manila; one member from the Bureau of Lands and the remaining member from the Manila Realty Board. There shall be among the members of the Board a lawyer possessing sufficient knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to real estate. The Board shall have the following functions:

1. To gather all available data relative to lands of the public or private domain of the National Government and those of the City of Manila, including actually abandoned rights-of-way of existing streets and those proposed to be abandoned, which lands may be exchanged with privately owned lots needed for public purposes in connection with the planning of the City of Manila;

2. To gather the existing assessed values and to ascertain the market values of such government-owned lands as are mentioned in the next preceding paragraph hereof, and to consider all factors affecting the proper appraisal of the lots proposed to be exchanged or to be purchased;

3. To conduct the necessary negotiations leading to the acquisition of privately owned lands by exchange or purchase, and to recommend, through the National Urban Planning Commission, to the President the expropriation of any of such lands when all efforts at extra-judicial acquisition thereof fail.

The Committee is hereby empowered to call upon any department, bureau, office, dependency, agency or instrumentality of the government for such assistance, data and information as it may need in carrying out its functions. For this purpose, it shall have access to, and the right to examine, the books, documents, papers or records thereof, as well as the books, documents, papers or records of such private party, firm, corporation, business house or enterprise as may be affected by, or interested in, the exchange, expropriation, purchase and sale of any private land in connection with the execution of the planning of the City of Manila.

The Committee shall proceed at once in accordance with the provisions of this Order and shall submit to the National Urban Planning Commission a report of its work from time to time, or as the circumstances of each case may require.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 39**  
AMENDING PARAGRAPH 4 OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 41, DATED JUNE 17, 1946,  
ENTITLED “CREATING THE PHILIPPINE COMMITTEE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.”

The fourth paragraph of Administrative Order No. 41, dated June 17, 1946, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The Philippine Committee of Food and Agriculture shall be composed of a Chairman and an Executive Secretary, to be appointed by the President; a representative each on crop production, livestock production, forestry, fisheries, agricultural engineering and soil conservation, to be designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce; a representative on irrigation, to be designated by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications; a representative on human nutrition, to be designated by the Secretary of Health and Public Welfare; a representative each on food utilization, animal nutrition, and economics of agriculture, to be designated by the President of the University of the Philippines; and two representatives of the Philippine Farmers Association.

Done at the City of Manila, this 12th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL ROXAS**

By the President:  
(Sgd.) **EMILIO ABELLO**  
*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 40**  
**REPRIMANDING PROVINCIAL FISCAL LORENZO COLOSO OF LANAOS**

This is an administrative case against Provincial Fiscal Lorenzo Coloso of Lanao who stands charged with inefficiency in the performance of official duties. In support of the charge, many criminal cases which were handled by the respondent and dismissed by the Court of First Instance of Lanao are cited.

The respondent denies the charge, but instead of explaining the dismissal of said cases, he merely submitted as part of his comment copies of the orders of dismissal.

From these orders of dismissal, it appears that Criminal Cases Nos. 2 (People vs. Legaspi for estafa), 37 (People vs. Wabe et al., for illegal use of dynamite), 38 (People vs. Atwood for illegal use of dynamite), and 89 (People vs. Kailing for theft) were dismissed because when they were called for trial, the respondent was not ready for the reason that he "had not yet conferred with the witnesses for the prosecution". His unpreparedness to enter into trial for the reason stated by him cannot be justified, as the Office of the Fiscal is always furnished in advance with a copy of the court calendar. Of course, it may happen that, due to unavoidable circumstances, witnesses in a case may arrive in court on the very day or hour set for hearing. In such eventuality, the party concerned cannot entirely be blamed for his inability to enter into trial as scheduled. Nevertheless, assuming that this was what had happened in the cases under consideration, still the respondent should have asked the court for a reasonable time within which to confer with the witnesses for the government. Moreover, the orders of dismissal fail to show that the respondent had exerted efforts to oppose the dismissal of said cases upon motion of the defense which took advantage of his unpreparedness.

It also appears that Criminal Case No. 80 (People vs. Sayri for attempted robbery) and Criminal Case No. 83 (People vs. Magoromba et al., for robbery) were dismissed upon motion of the respondent on the ground that the accused had escaped from jail and that their apprehension was uncertain. The respondent's action was improper because with the dismissal of the cases against them, the offenders can no longer be arrested even if subsequently located.

It is clear from the foregoing that the respondent has not show due diligence and zeal in the performance of his official duties. Wherefore, he is hereby reprimanded and warned that similar conduct in the future will be dealt with more severely.

Done at the City of Manila, this 12th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 41**  
**PRESCRIBING CERTAIN RULES GOVERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE GRANT**  
**OF BENEFITS CONFERRED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 186.**

WHEREAS, to carry out the provisions of Republic Act No. 186 approved on June 21, 1947, which confers certain benefits on public school teachers and other employees of the Government, it is desirable to establish a uniform policy and procedure for the grant of such benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby prescribe the following rules:

1. Any teacher or employee claiming the benefits of Republic Act No. 186 shall file with the Bureau of Civil Service a verified application in the form and manner to be prescribed by the Commissioner of Civil Service.

2. The degree or grade required for the eligibility applied for must have been obtained or completed on the date from which the applicant claims to have begun his ten years of continuous service or on a date prior thereto.

3. Applicants must have rendered continuous service for ten years on or before June 21, 1947, and must be in the service on said date. For purposes of counting ten years of service, the period from January 1, 1942 to December 31, 1945, shall be excluded if the applicant rendered no service during said period; Provided, That service in the armed forces during said period, duly proved, may be considered; and Provided finally, That the non-rendition of service from January 1, 1942 to the date on which an applicant may have been recalled to the service shall not be taken as breaking the continuity of his service, if he can otherwise show a full ten-year service interrupted only by the hiatus from January 1, 1942 to the date of his recall.

4. An applicant claiming senior teacher or junior teacher eligibility will not be permitted to offer non-teaching experience for purposes of completing the required ten years' continuous service.

The Commissioner of Civil Service shall prepare and print such forms as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Republic Act No. 186 and of this Order and otherwise to perform such acts as may give due effect thereto. His decisions in all cases coming under this law shall be final unless reversed by the President on appeal.

Done at the City of Manila, this 12th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 42**  
AMENDING PARAGRAPH 3 OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 96, DATED MAY 30, 1939,  
ENTITLED “CREATING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT’S POLIOMYELITIS COMMITTEE”.

The third paragraph of Administrative Order No. 96, dated May 30, 1939, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Now, therefore, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a committee to be known as President Roosevelt’s Poliomyelitis Committee, for the purpose of handling the funds realized from the holding of such balls. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

“The Secretary of Health and Public Welfare	Chairman
The Director of Health	Member
The Director of Public Welfare	Member
The City Mayor of Manila	Member”

Done at the City of Manila, this 12th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, 1947, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 43**  
**EXONERATING MAYOR VICENTE DEL ROSARIO OF THE CITY OF CEBU**  
**FROM ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES.**

This is an administrative case against Mayor Vicente del Rosario of the City of Cebu on the following charges:

- (1) That respondent illegally collected from June 25, 1946 to September 30, 1946, house allowance at the rate of ₱100.00 a month;
- (2) That he loaned ₱650.00 to the Cebu Retailers' Cooperative, Inc., with interest at 10% per month;
- (3) That he granted a permit to hold cockfighting during days other than Sundays and holidays;
- (4) That he connived with his driver, Baltazar Reyes, in treacherously and maliciously assaulting Assistant City Engineer Arvisu;
- (5) That he employed Detective Inspector Jose Sanchez who was alleged to be a well-known pimp and whom he allegedly used in collecting bribes;
- (6) That he summarily dismissed the City Physician and many employees of the City Government without previous investigation;
- (7) That during his incumbency he entered into a contract of partnership with other parties to deal in lumber, in which agreement he agreed to act as sales manager of the association for the Province of Cebu and for the City of Cebu;
- (8) That he stated falsely and maliciously that the copra ordinance vetoed by him had been tampered with by the Municipal Board;
- (9) That he slandered unjustly and maliciously the President of the Municipal Board in accusing the latter in a letter to Senator Sotto of having enriched himself unlawfully in the discharge of his office;
- (10) That he instructed a member of the Police Department to manhandle detainees in the course of investigation conducted; and
- (11) That he is of violent character and is not on good terms with all the Department Heads of the City of Cebu.

These charges were investigated by a Committee specially constituted by me and composed of Assistant Solicitor General Carmelino G. Alvendia, as Chairman, and First Assistant City Fiscal Agustin P. Montesa of Manila and Chief Supervising Auditor Severo de Ungria of the General Auditing Office, as members. After hearings conducted in the City of Cebu at which witnesses testified for and against the respondent, the Committee recommended his exoneration.

**CHARGE I**

The respondent explained and the Committee found that the house in which he was then living belonged exclusively to his mother, and that even if the house where respondent lived belonged to him,

he would still be entitled to said allowance in accordance with Opinion No. 35, series of 1939, of the Secretary of Justice, citing the case of *Regalado vs. Yulo*, 33 O.G. 925.

#### CHARGE II

At the instance of Mr. Alfredo Cruz, President of the Cebu Retailers' Cooperative, Inc., the respondent had agreed to advance the sum of ₱650.00 for the use of said corporation for an indefinite period not exceeding one year, with the understanding that the respondent would be given a "benefit" for the use of his money, although he did not even know in what the benefit consisted. Even if the ₱65.00 received by the respondent were considered an interest on the principal of ₱650.00 delivered by respondent, the same would not be usurious because the ₱650.00 having been delivered for repayment within one year, the fact that it was paid after one or three months with full interest for one year does not constitute usury, as the Usury Law even allows a creditor to collect interest in advance for a period not exceeding one year, and if the debtor pays the obligation within a shorter period, he is not entitled to a rebate on the interest.

#### CHARGE III

The only evidence presented in support of this charge is the testimony of the Chief of Police who alleges that, although he did not actually see that there was a cockfight, he saw people gathered in the cockpit one day which was not Sunday or holiday. He claims to have been informed by Mr. Cepeda, President of the Association which operated the cockpit, that the latter had a verbal permit from the respondent. However, he admits that he made no further investigation on the matter and that he did not even ask the Mayor about the alleged verbal permit.

#### CHARGE IV

In connection with this charge, there was evidence that in the course of a discussion between the respondent and Assistant City Engineer Arvisu, and when the discussion was developing into a quarrel, the respondent's driver, who was waiting in his jeep outside the restaurant where the incident took place, entered the discussions and assaulted Arvisu. According to Mr. Morelos, an eye witness to the incident and one of the witnesses for the complainant, there was no preconceived plan between the respondent and his driver to fight Arvisu. It is clear, therefore, that the respondent cannot be blamed for the physical injuries inflicted by his driver.

#### CHARGE V

The respondent admits having appointed Jose Sanchez but claims that the appointment was made upon the recommendation of Senators Sotto and Cuenco and of President Morelos of the Municipal Board. He claims further that he did not know that Jose Sanchez was a pimp. No evidence whatsoever was presented regarding the alleged collection of bribes by Jose Sanchez or by anybody.

#### CHARGE VI

The City Physician, Dr. Yap, testifying as a witness for the complainants, declared that the incident about his case could have been the result of a misunderstanding. It appears that when the respondent assumed office, the City Physician was not on duty, as he was then on leave. Believing that the City

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Physician had left the office for good, he being an appointee of the previous Administration, the respondent appointed Dr. Baltazar to take his place. However, when Dr. Yap returned, the respondent realized that the former had not resigned. The case was referred to the Department of Health and Public Welfare, and the respondent respected the decision of the Department in favor of the former incumbent.

As regards the other employees dismissed, many of whom were from the Police Department, the respondent explains that said employees had been appointed in an acting capacity and had taken active part in the last elections in violation of the Civil Service rules, in view of which he replaced them.

Explaining the removal of the Chief Clerk of the Municipal Board, the respondent claims that the removal was made in pursuance of a resolution of the Municipal Board and the policy of the Administration that all pre-war incumbents who wanted to return to their positions should be allowed to do so.

#### CHARGE VII

There is no dispute as to the respondent having entered into a partnership agreement with one Feliciano Larrazabal to engage in the lumber business under the name of REPUBLIC LUMBER with head offices in the Province of Leyte and having agreed to act as sales manager for the Province of Cebu as well as for the City of Cebu. It is a fact, however, that the REPUBLIC LUMBER did not do business during his incumbency. Moreover, the partnership never engaged in the lumber business in the City of Cebu, and the respondent never actually performed the duties of sales manager up to the date of the investigation.

While his acceptance of the position of sales manager of the REPUBLIC LUMBER was improper, yet as no transactions were actually consummated and no improper motives have been shown, I find no sufficient basis for taking drastic action against respondent.

#### CHARGE VIII

The respondent admits having stated in his veto of said municipal ordinance that the same had been tampered with by the Municipal Board. He explains, however, that what he meant by the word “tampered” was that the Municipal Board had been frequently changing or modifying the provisions of the ordinance with reference to the amount of tax imposed on merchants engaged in the buying and selling or storing of copra. I am satisfied that the respondent did not use the word in question with malice.

#### CHARGE IX

I am satisfied that the statement of the respondent in said letter was not made with malice, but merely for the information of Senator Sotto.

#### CHARGE X

There is conflicting evidence on this point. The Committee found that all that the respondent meant was that force should be used by the police if necessary in apprehending criminals but that, once apprehended, the latter should not be subjected to “third degree” for the purpose of compelling them to talk. As a matter of fact, there is no evidence that violence was illegally inflicted on arrested prisoners or that respondent had ordered any specific person to be manhandled or maltreated.

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### CHARGE XI

While there is evidence tending to show that the respondent is a man of violent temper, it seems more accurate to state that he is a man of action.

The charge that he is not on good terms with the Department Heads of the City of Cebu has not been substantiated. His incident with Assistant City Engineer Arvisu does not constitute a sufficient basis for the conclusion that he is not on good terms with the Engineering Department. The only other Department where he has had some trouble is the Police Department, with the functions of which he had been allegedly unduly interfering, sometimes giving orders directly to the policemen without courting them to the Chief of Police. The respondent justifies his actuations on the ground that he suspected some of the officers of the Police Department to be in connivance with malefactors and gamblers.

In view of all the foregoing, the respondent is hereby exonerated and immediately reinstated as Mayor of the City of Cebu. However, in the interest of the service, he is hereby enjoined to sever his connection as sales manager of the REPUBLIC LUMBER and warned against any transaction being had between said partnership and the Government of the City of Cebu.

Done at the City of Manila, this 23rd of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Chief of the Executive Office*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 44**  
**AUTHORIZING THE AUTOMATIC INCREASE AND PAYMENT OF SALARIES**  
**TO EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT RECEIVING LESS THAN**  
**SIX HUNDRED PESOS PER ANNUM.**

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Commonwealth Act No. 402, known as the Salary Standardization Law, as amended by Section 7 of Executive Order No. 94, dated October 4, 1947, fixes the minimum salary for classified positions at the rate of six hundred pesos per annum;

WHEREAS, many employees of the Government are actually receiving less than said minimum salary rate and the preparation and approval of their appointments at said rate would require some time; and

WHEREAS, it would be conducive to the best interest and efficiency of the public service if employees actually receiving less than the minimum rate are immediately paid the salary adjustments they are entitled to under the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby authorize the immediate payment of the minimum salary rate of six hundred pesos per annum to all employees of the Government who are actually receiving less than said rate but whose positions are specifically provided with salaries at six hundred pesos per annum in Executive Order No. 94, dated October 4, 1947, pending the preparation and approval of their corresponding appointments.

This Order shall take effect as of July 1, 1947.

Done at the City of Manila, this 22nd day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) N. ROXAS

*Acting Executive Secretary*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 45**  
**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE PROPER OBSERVANCE**  
**OF CONSTITUTION DAY ON FEBRUARY 8, 1948.**

In order to emphasize clearly the significance of the eight day of February which has been declared as Constitution Day every year by Proclamation No. 36, dated February 7, 1936, and to inculcate more effectively the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, thus helping in the development of civic conscience among our people in accordance with the mandate of the Constitution, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Committee to take charge of the proper observance of Constitution Day on February 8, 1948, composed of the following:

Hon. Nicanor Roxas, Acting Executive Secretary,	Chairman
Hon. Marciano Roque,	Member
Director Esteban Abada,	do
Dr. Manuel Carreon,	do
Dr. Paterno Santos,	do
Mr. Cesar Miraflor,	do
Dr. Mariano V. de los Santos,	do
Mr. Enrique Lolarga,	do
Father William Masterson,	do
Dr. Gumersindo Garcia,	do
Mr. Exequiel Villacorta,	do
Miss Helen Benitez,	do
Mrs. Aurea J. del Carmen,	do
Mr. Domingo C. Bascara,	do
Mr. Vicente Lontok,	Adviser

The Committee is hereby empowered to seek the assistance and cooperation of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government in carrying out its work.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) N. ROXAS  
*Acting Executive Secretary*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 46**  
GRANTING FULL AND PLENARY PARDON TO MAJOR MARCELO S. CASTILLO,  
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND RESTORING HIM TO HIS FORMER PLACE  
IN THE SENIORITY AND LINEAL ROSTER OF REGULAR OFFICERS.

Major Marcelo S. Castillo, who was convicted by a General Court-Martial and sentenced to a reduction of twenty files in the Seniority and Lineal Roster of Regular Officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines sometime in 1939, for having failed to arrest a fellow officer, prays that he be granted full and plenary pardon and restored to his former place in said Roster.

The Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the Secretary of National Defense recommend that the petition be granted.

IN VIEW THEREOF, Major Marcelo S. Castillo is hereby granted full and plenary pardon and restored to his former place in the Seniority and Lineal Roster of Regular Officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Done at the City of Manila, this 15th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) N. ROXAS  
*Acting Executive Secretary*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 47**  
**ABOLISHING THE DIVISION OF CONTROLS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE**  
**AND TRANSFERRING THE POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF**  
**TO THE CONTROL COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES COUNCIL.**

By virtue of the powers nested in me by law, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby abolish the Division of Controls in the Executive Office, and the powers, duties and functions thereof are hereby transferred to the Control Committee of the Government Enterprises Council, which shall hereafter assume the duty of passing upon all transactions of the Philippine Relief and Trade Rehabilitation Administration, the Agricultural Machinery and Equipment Corporation, and the Surplus Property Commission, requiring the approval of the President of the Philippines for their completion or consummation, which has heretofore been performed by the Division of Controls of the Executive Office pursuant to the provisions of Administrative Order No. 21, dated December 5, 1946.

Administrative Order No. 21, dated December 5, 1946, is hereby revoked.

Done at the City of Manila, this 3rd day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) N. ROXAS  
*Acting Executive Secretary*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 48**

**AUTHORIZING THE YEK TONG LIN FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.,  
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS  
AND UNDERTAKINGS.**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing any thing in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Republic of the Philippines been authorized to become surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Yek Tong Lin Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Ltd., is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby authorize the Yek Tong Lin Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Ltd., to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings in such manner and under such condition as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO  
*Executive Secretary*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 49**

**AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH SEA SURETY AND INSURANCE COMPANY, INCORPORATED,  
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS  
AND UNDERTAKINGS.**

WHEREAS, section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for the doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the South Sea Surety and Insurance Company, Incorporated, is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby authorize the South Sea Surety and Insurance Company, Incorporated, to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO  
*Executive Secretary*

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 50**

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCUMULATED PENSIONS FOR ONE YEAR OF THE RETIRED TEACHERS OUT OF THE ASSETS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND, OF THE RETIRED CONSTABULARY OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN, HEALTH OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT FROM ANY FUND IN THE PHILIPPINE TREASURY NOT OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED, AND OF THE VETERANS OF PAST PHILIPPINE REVOLUTIONS OR WARS FROM THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF THE APPROPRIATION UNDER COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 710, AND THE DISCOUNTING WITH THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK OF THE BALANCE OF THE ACCUMULATED PENSIONS OF THE RETIRED TEACHERS, CONSTABULARY OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN, HEALTH OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND VETERANS OF PAST PHILIPPINE REVOLUTIONS OR WARS.

WHEREAS, funds permitting, and for the purpose of liquidating as soon as feasible all pending obligations of the Government, it is necessary that the remaining claims against the Government for which no remedial measures have as yet been provided, consisting of the accumulated pensions of the retired teachers, constabulary officers and enlisted men, health officials and employees, Justices of the Supreme Court, and veterans of past Philippine revolutions or wars be likewise provided for;

WHEREAS, the pensions to these retired officials and employees which accrued during the period from the outbreak of the war to the resumption of payment after the liberation aggregate ₱5,664,547.57;

WHEREAS, the finances of the Government have shown an improvement that will permit the partial settlement of these obligations; and

WHEREAS, payment of these pensions in arrears at the earliest possible date will not only place the credit standing of the Government on a sound basis but will also alleviate the condition of the pensioners concerned many of whom are suffering from ailments or are far advanced in age;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order –

(1) The Government Service Insurance System is hereby authorized to pay the retired teachers who, on December 7, 1941, were receiving, or were entitled to receive pensions under Act No. 3050, their accumulated pensions for one year, said payment to be drawn from the assets of the Teachers' Retirement and Disability Fund;

(2) The accumulated pensions for one year of the retired constabulary officers and enlisted men, health officials and employees, and Justices of the Supreme Court are hereby directed to be paid out of any funds in the Philippine Treasury not otherwise appropriated, pursuant to the provisions of Commonwealth Acts Nos. 237 and 536;

(3) The accumulated pensions for one year of the veterans of past Philippine revolutions or wars are hereby directed to be paid from the unexpended balance of the appropriation in Commonwealth Act No. 710; and

(4) The balance of the accumulated pensions of the retired teachers, constabulary officers and enlisted men, health officials and employees, Justices of the Supreme Court and the veterans of past Philippine revolutions or wars may be discounted with the Philippine National Bank at such interest rate per annum as the Board of Directors of the said Bank may approve, the total amount discounted to be paid by the Government to the Bank in five yearly installments.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila this 8th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

*Executive Secretary*

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President Manuel Roxas declared the Philippine National Red Cross independent from the American National Red Cross of which it was originally a chapter, April 15, 1947.









